



## Los Angeles County

# I AM NOT FULLY VACCINATED. WHEN DO I NEED TO WEAR A MASK?

**This content is for people who are not fully vaccinated against COVID-19.**

If you are fully vaccinated against COVID-19<sup>1</sup> see the DPH guide [I am Fully Vaccinated. When do I Need to Wear a Mask?](#)

### YOU NEED TO WEAR A MASK WHEN YOU ARE:\*

- On planes, buses, trains, and any other form of public transportation or ride share traveling into, within, or out of the United States. This includes transportation hubs such as airports and train and bus stations.
- Outdoors and cannot keep 6 ft away from people that are not in your household. This includes crowded outdoor events, such as concerts, parades, fairs, festivals, and sports events. Exceptions described below.
- Indoors, if you are not at home. Exceptions described below.

\* There are some people who should not wear a mask, such as young children or those with a medical condition or disability. See [Who should not wear a mask](#) and [Special considerations for persons with communication difficulties or certain disabilities](#) on the DPH mask page: [ph.lacounty.gov/masks](https://ph.lacounty.gov/masks).

### YOU DO NOT NEED TO WEAR A MASK WHEN YOU ARE:

- Visiting with fully vaccinated people indoors or outdoors, as long as:
  - You and those who live with you are the only unvaccinated people present, **and**
  - Everyone living in your household is at low risk for severe COVID-19 disease.See DPH [Informal Social Gathering](#) guidance for more details.
- Driving alone or only with members of your household.
- Working alone in a private office with the doors closed (note: anyone working in a cubicle must wear a mask, even with full partitions).
- Getting a medical, cosmetic, or personal care service that involves your face (such as a teeth cleaning, a facial, a shave, etc.). You may take off your mask only while the service is being done.
- Actively eating or drinking (as long as you are at least 6 feet away from people who don't live with you).
- Doing activities in water, such as swimming or showering, that may get your mask wet. Wet masks can make it hard to breathe and do not work as well.
- Exercising outside at a distance (8 feet or more) from people who don't live with you. Be sure to have a mask with you in case you cannot keep a safe distance from others.
- Required to wear a different kind of respiratory protection at work.

### PROTECT YOURSELF AND OTHERS

The COVID-19 virus is more likely to spread when people who are not fully vaccinated against COVID-19 gather. This includes new COVID-19 variants, some of which are already in California and may be more infectious. Wearing masks helps slow the spread of COVID-19, but it needs to be used with other protective measures, especially if you are not fully vaccinated against COVID-19.

Protect yourself and others:

- Get vaccinated (visit [VaccinateLACounty.com](https://www.vaccinate.lacounty.com) or call the DPH Vaccine Call Center at 833-540-0473 to find a vaccine. No appointment needed at many locations).
- Stay at least 6 feet away from people who do not live with you (unless you know they are all fully vaccinated).
- Avoid crowds and spaces with poor air flow (outdoors is safer than indoors).
- Wash (or sanitize) your hands often.

Learn more about masks at [ph.lacounty.gov/masks](https://ph.lacounty.gov/masks).

<sup>1</sup> A person is considered to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 at least two weeks after: a second dose of the Pfizer or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine OR the single dose Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine OR finishing the series of a [COVID-19 vaccine](#) that has been authorized for use by the WHO.

